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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To extend the authority for the establishment of a commemorative work to honor enslaved and free black persons who served in the American Revolution, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Liberty Me-
5 morial Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that the period preceding the 250th
3 anniversary of the founding of the United States on July
4 4, 1776, offers the best conditions in ten generations to
5 honor and preserve the contributions of enslaved and free
6 black soldiers and civilians to independence by the triumph
7 of a permanent National Liberty Memorial representing
8 deeds Congress on two previous occasions declared of
9 “preeminent historical and lasting significance to the na-
10 tion”.

11 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT**
12 **OF COMMEMORATIVE WORK.**

13 Notwithstanding section 8903(e) of title 40, United
14 States Code, the authority provided by section 2860 of the
15 Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
16 2013 (division B of Public Law 112–239; 126 Stat. 2164;
17 40 U.S.C. 8903 note) shall continue to apply through Sep-
18 tember 30, 2027.